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Mr. President, I request that the attached correspondence in support of S. 1419 from the Military Coalition be made a part of the RECORD.

There being no objection, the letter was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

THE MILITARY COALITION,
Alexandria, VA, February 28, 2000.

Hon. JOHN MCCAIN,
Senate Armed Services Committee,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR MCCAIN: The Military Coalition, a consortium of nationally-prominent uniformed services and veterans organizations, representing more than 5.5 million members of the uniformed services plus their families and survivors urge you to encourage your colleagues on the Judiciary Committee to render a favorable report on S. 1419, to designate May as National Military Appreciation Month. S. 1419 is a follow-on to S. Res. 33, which the Senate approved last year by a vote of 93-0. That resolution designated May 1999 as National Military Appreciation Month; S. 1419 will make that designation permanent.

Over the three decades since the advent of the All Volunteer Force, a seemingly impossible challenge has been met with spectacular results. Instead of a uniformed service comprised of conscripts, we are blessed with high quality volunteers from all walks of life. Active, Guard and Reserve forces have responded commendably to the increased operations and personnel tempos and in return, deserve this special recognition of a grateful nation.

Another compelling reason for approving this legislation is that the gradual decrease in the shared experience of having served in uniform, makes it increasingly important that the public reflect every year on the enormous role that their armed forces have on preserving freedom. As we commit thousands of servicemembers to missions around the world it is imperative that they know of the strong and enduring support of their country for their dedication and service. We owe it to those who paid the ultimate price and those who survived, to devote one month out of the year to reflect on the sacrifices of those who have worn their nation's uniform throughout its history.

Please demonstrate your commitment to them by acting promptly to bring S. 1419 to the Senate floor for action.

Sincerely,

THE MILITARY COALITION.

NOTICE OF HEARING

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FORESTRY, CONSERVATION,
AND RURAL REVITALIZATION

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, And Rural Revitalization of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry will meet on March 8, 2000 in SR-328A at 2:30 p.m. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the National Rural Development Council.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Com-

mittee on Armed Services be authorized to meet at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 7, 2000, in open and closed sessions, to receive testimony from the unified and regional commanders on their military strategy and operational requirements in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2001 and the Future Years Defense Program.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND
TRANSPORTATION

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 7, 2000, at 9:30 a.m. on S. 1755—Mobile Telecommunications Sourcing Act.

Mr. PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR,
AND PENSIONS

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 7, 2000, at 10 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR,
AND PENSIONS

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet in executive session for the consideration of S.2, the Educational Opportunities Act, during the session of the Senate on March 7th, 2000.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 7, 2000, to hear testimony regarding Agriculture Negotiations in the WTO After Seattle.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, the Committee on Veterans' Affairs would like to request unanimous consent to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to receive the Legislative presentations of the Retired Enlisted Association, Gold Star Wives of America, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Air Force Sergeants Association, and the Fleet Reserve Association. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2000, at 9:30 a.m., in room 345 of the Cannon House Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select

Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 7, 2000 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing on intelligence matters.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT
AND THE COURTS

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on Tuesday, March 7, 2000, at 9:30 a.m., in SH216.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON READINESS

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 7, 2000 at 2 p.m., in open session to receive testimony on readiness programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2001 and the Future Years Defense Program.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY, TERRORISM,
AND GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism and Government Information be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on Tuesday, March 7, 2000, at 2 p.m., in SD226.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 7 at 2:30 p.m. to conduct an oversight hearing. The subcommittee will consider the President's proposed FY2001 budget for the Bureau of Reclamation (Department of the Interior) and the Bonneville Power Administration, the Southeastern Power Administration, the Southwestern Power Administration, and the Western Area Power Administration (Department of Energy).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2000

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 8. I further ask consent that on Wednesday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for